

Claims

5 ~~5A~~ Disposable absorbent article (20) for wearing in the crotch portion of an undergarment, said crotch portion comprising side edges which form part of the leg opening of said undergarment, said article (20) having a longitudinal axis (L) and a transverse axis (T), said article comprising a main body portion (21) having longitudinal side edges (23) substantially extending parallel to said longitudinal axis (L) and having transverse side edges (22) substantially extending parallel to said transverse axis (T), said main body portion (21) further having a wearer facing surface and a garment facing surface, and said article comprising side wrapping elements (50) having an in-use-position in which said side wrapping elements (50) wrap said side edges of said crotch portion, said article (20) being characterised in that said side wrapping elements (50) have a predisposition so as to assume said in-use-position.

2) Disposable absorbent articles (20) according to claim 1 characterised in that said predisposition is provided by joining said side wrapping elements (50) to said main body portion in said in-use-position.

3) Disposable absorbent article (20) according to any of the preceding claims characterised in that said side wrapping elements (50) are provided separately from said main body portion and are attached to said main body portion (21).

4) Disposable absorbent article (20) according to claim 3 wherein said side wrapping elements (50) are attached to the garment facing surface and along the longitudinal side edges (23) of said main body portion (21) to said article.

5) Disposable absorbent article (20) according to claims 1 or 2 characterised in that said side wrapping elements (50) are integral with said main body portion (21), said side wrapping elements (50) are folded along a foldline (25) into said in-use-position and attached to said garment facing surface of said main body portion to provide said predisposition of said side wrapping elements (50).

5 6) Disposable absorbent article (20) according to claim 5 characterised in that said side wrapping elements (50) are attached to said garment facing surface along a longitudinal line (27) over a length of not more than 50% of the length of said foldline (25).

7) Disposable absorbent article (20) according to claim 6 characterised in that said longitudinal line of attachment (27) has a midpoint which is not more than 10mm from the midpoint of said foldline (25).

10 8) Disposable absorbent article (20) according to claim 5 characterised in that said main body portion (21) comprises a topsheet (38) which provides said wearer facing surface, and a backsheet (40) which provides said garment facing surface, and said side wrapping elements (21) comprise integral extensions of said topsheet (38) and said backsheet (40) and said side wrapping elements (21) are folded along a foldline (25) into said in-use-position and said side wrapping elements (50) are attached to said main body portion (21) along the common portion of said longitudinal side edges (23) of said main body portion (21) and the side wrapping elements (50), said common portion being at least partially between said foldline (25) and said longitudinal axis (L).

9) Disposable absorbent article (20) according to claim 8 characterised in that the material between said longitudinal side edges (23) of said main body portion (21) and said foldline (25), preferably including said foldline (25) itself, is severed from said disposable absorbent article (20).

10) Disposable absorbent article (20) according to claim 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 characterised in that said attachment is provided by an adhesive means or welding of contacting materials.